

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit ~~(1)~~ for the use in a motor vehicle comprising:

a parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ of a plastic material;

a support ~~(20)~~ of a plastic material, at which the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ is pivotably supported;

a locking unit ~~(40, 26)~~, comprising a pawl ~~(40)~~, which is mounted at the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~, and a ratchet insert ~~(26)~~; wherein

the ratchet insert ~~(26)~~ comprises of a metal and is over-molded within the support ~~(20)~~.

Claim 2 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 1, wherein the ratchet insert ~~(26)~~ comprises locking teeth ~~(27)~~ and wherein the ratchet insert ~~(26)~~ is integrated into the support ~~(20)~~, so that substantially only the locking teeth ~~(27)~~ are exposed.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the ratchet insert ~~(26)~~ comprises mounting holes ~~(28)~~, which are filled with plastic material during injection molding of the support ~~(20)~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-3, wherein the pawl ~~(40)~~ comprises of a metal or a plastic material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-4, wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ is pivotably supported by means of a shaft ~~(70)~~ within the support ~~(20)~~, wherein the shaft ~~(70)~~ comprises of a plastic material.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 5, wherein the shaft ~~(70)~~ is a self- locking shaft, which comprises integrated latching elements, so that ~~it can be the~~ shaft is mounted within the support ~~(20)~~ without additional mounting elements.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 6~~, wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ comprises an over-molded grip at its grip area ~~(12)~~ of a plastic material.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 7~~, wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ and/or the support ~~(20)~~ and/or the shaft ~~(70)~~ comprises of a ~~technical~~ plastic material, which comprises self-lubricating characteristics, so that no additional lubricants or special bearings or bearing halves must be used.

Claim 9 (original): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 8, wherein the plastic material comprises additives for achieving the self-lubricating characteristics.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 7~~, wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ and/or the support ~~(20)~~ comprises bearing bushings or bearing halves of a metal or plastic material, wherein the material of the bearing bushings or bearing halves comprises self-lubricating characteristics.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 10~~, wherein the support ~~(20)~~ comprises a stiff plate ~~(22)~~, which is ~~ripped~~ ribbed at its underside.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 11~~, wherein the support ~~(20)~~ comprises an essentially plane plate ~~(22)~~.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the plate ~~(22)~~ comprises metallic mounting inserts ~~(24)~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-13, wherein the support (20) comprises an integrated latching element (21) for the mounting of the parking brake lever unit (1) at the vehicle.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-14, wherein the support (20) comprises an electrical switch (80), which can be actuated by the parking brake lever (10).